

REMARKS

The objection to the drawings is believed to relate to the fact that we did not show the trigger that releases the syringe. This feature is of course conventional. But in order to overcome this objection, we have changed claim 1 to recite that the spring drive is operable sequentially to perform the recited functions.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims as anticipated by SINCLAIR et al. 3,403,679.

The rejection states that in SINCLAIR et al., the second spring (11) acts between the plunger and the syringe. Actually, in SINCLAIR et al., the second spring 11 acts between the housing (1) and the syringe. Thus, the second spring 11 in SINCLAIR et al., is positioned and functions similarly to the third spring (11) of the present invention set forth in our claim 3.

There being no structure in SINCLAIR et al. that meets the recited arrangement and function of the second spring 5 of the present invention, and this feature being clearly recited in our claim 1, it is not believed that the rejection can be sustained but rather must be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

The similar function of spring 11 in SINCLAIR et al. to spring 11 in the present application, is further reinforced by

the recitations of SINCLAIR et al. in column 2, lines 37-39 and column 5, line 35 et seq.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing Remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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